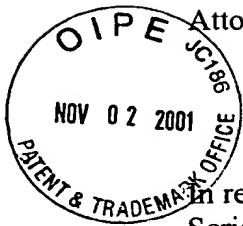


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Serial No. 09/912,411
Filed: April 19, 2001.
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**PETITION AND FEE FOR FILING DATE OF PATENT
APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR SEC. 1.53**

Sir:

This is a Petition for grant of a filing date of April 19, 2001 for the above-referenced patent application in response to the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application mailed September 4, 2001, a copy of which is attached hereto. Applicant respectfully submits that the application as filed on April 19, 2001 did include at least one claim as required under 35 U.S.C. §112. The complete application was filed under the Express Mail Procedure on April 19, 2001 and was assigned an Express Mail Label No. EL034577565US. A copy of this Express Mail Label is attached hereto and clearly establishes that the application was mailed on April 19, 2001, as indicated by the stamp thereon by the United States Postal Service. A copy of the shipment history for Express Mail Label No. EL034577565US is attached and clearly indicates that the application arrived at the United States Patent Office at 11:06 a.m. on April 20, 2001, to R. Foster.

As copy of the complete application as filed on April 19, 2001 is attached hereto including a Petition fee of \$130 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(h). It is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the filing date of April 19, 2001.

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